Representation of weaker sections and women in Panchayats

1869. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions in Gram Panchayat Administration to give proper representation to weaker sections and women in the Panchayats;

(b) whether it is a fact that each State is having different norms for implementing the reservation of these categories; and

(c) the steps that would be taken to make proper and similar rules for all States?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) **Article 243 D (1), (2) & (3)** of the constitution directs that seats shall be reserved for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in every Panchayat, and that the number of seats so reserved shall bear, as nearly as may be, the same proportion to the total number of seats to be filled by direct election in that Panchayat as the population of the Scheduled Castes in that Panchayat area, or of the Scheduled Tribes in that Panchayat area, bears to the total population of that area and such seats may be allotted by rotation to different constituencies in a Panchayat. Also, not less than one-third of the total number of seats reserved for SCs & STs shall be reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes or, as the case may be, the Scheduled Tribes. The constitution further directs that not less than one-third (including the number of seats reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes) of the total number of seats to be filled by direct election in every Panchayat shall be reserved for women and such seats may be allotted by rotation to different constituencies in a Panchayat.

(b) All States and Union Territories are providing reservation for the weaker sections and women as per the constitutional mandate. A table of basic statistics published in the Mid Term Appraisal of the State of Panchayats which provides a clear picture on the representation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Women in Panchayat Raj Institutions in the country is enclosed as Statement (*See* below) The table clearly speaks about the compliance of the constitutional mandate to a larger extend and points out that in some States the representation of women is much higher than the mandated minimum provision. It may also be mentioned that in Bihar the provision for reservation for women has been increase to 50% of the seats filled by direct election for the three-tiers of the PRIs. A similar provision is to come into effect from the next round of Panchayat elections in Madhya Pradesh. In Sikkim, 40% of the seats are reserved for women.

(c) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj is in regular touch with States/UTs in regard to the proper representation of weaker sections and women in the panchayats as per the constitutional provisions.

Statement

Basic statistics published in the Mid Term Appraisal of the state of Panchayats

		Gram Panchayats								
		Number of elected representatives								
Sl. No.	Name of State	Number of Panchayats	Non-SC and non-ST	SC		ST		Total	Women	
				number	percent	number	percent		number	percent
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	States:									
1.	Andhra Pradesh	21913	160386	31243	15.0	16662	8.0	208291	68736	33.0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1639	0	0	0.0	6485	100.0	6485	2561	39.5
3.	Assam	2487	20862	1254	5.3	1337	5.7	23453	8977	38.3
4.	Bihar	8463	99672	16941	14.4	784	0.7	117397	64152	54.6
5.	Chhattisgarh	9820	74498	17200	10.0	65552	41.7	157250	53045	33.7
6.	Goa	189	1439	0	0.0	0	0.0	1439	514	35.7
7.	Gujarat	13819	80349	7615	7.0	21245	19.5	109209	36403	33.3
8.	Haryana	6187	51990	14266	21.5	0	0.0	66256	23897	36.1
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3243	15482	8244	32.5	1626	6.4	25352	8483	33.5
10.	Jharkhand	3746								
11.	Karnataka	5652	64525	16997	18.6	9880	10.8	91402	39318	43.0
12.	Kerala	999	13820	2052	12.7	267	1.7	16139	6020	37.3
13.	Madhya Pradesh	23051	218196	59889	15.4	110744	28.5	388829	131671	33.9
14.	Maharashtra	27918	172370	24624	11.0	26863	12.0	223857	75148	33.6
15.	Manipur	165	1627	41	2.4	39	2.3	1707	625	36.6
16.	Orissa	6234	52582	15746	16.8	25453	27.1	93781	33602	35.8
17.	Punjab	12443	60692	27440	31.1	0	0.0	88132	30875	35.0
18.	Rajasthan	9188	69179	24118	21.2	20244	17.8	113541	40012	35.2
19.	Sikkim	166	577	52	5.7	276	30.5	905	366	40.4

20.	Tamil Nadu	12618	86325	22156	20.3	827	0.8	109308	36824	33.7
21.	Tripura	513	3653	1408	26.3	291	5.4	5352	1852	34.6
22.	Uttar Pradesh	52000	527779	174842	24.9	673	0.1	703294	273229	38.8
23.	Uttaranchal	7227	41717	10413	19.3	1858	3.4	53988	20482	37.9
24.	West Bengal	3354	31425	14492	29.3	3628	7.3	49545	18150	36.6
	Union Territories:									
25.	A & N Haveli	67	759	0	0.0	0	0.0	759	261	34.4
26.	Chandigarh	17	137	27	16.7	0	0.0	162	53	32.7
27.	D & N Haveli	11	6	3	2.6	105	92.1	114	45	39.5
28.	Daman & Diu	14	55	2	2.6	20	26.0	77	30	39.0
29.	Lakshadweep	10	0	0	0.0	79	100.0	79	30	38.0
30.	Pondhcherry	98	695	218	23.9		0.0	913	330	36.1
	TOTAL:	233251	1850795	491283	18.5	314938	11.9	2657016	975691	36.7

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			Panchayat Samiti							
			Number of elected representativses							
Sl. No.	Name of State	Number of Panchayats	Non-SC and non-ST	SC		ST		Total	Women	
				number	percent	number	percent		number	percent
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	States:									
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1095	10938	2586	17.7	1093	7.5	14617	4919	33.7
2.	Arunachal	136	0	0	0.0	1639	100.0	1639	577	35.2
3.	Assam	203	1845	159	7.4	144	6.7	2148	791	36.8
4.	Bihar	531	9139	2307	20.0	91	0.8	11537	5671	49.2
5.	Chhattisgarh	146	1404	316	10.6	1257	42.2	2977	1005	33.8
6.	Goa									
7.	Gujarat	224	3049	297	7.1	815	19.6	4161	1394	33.5
8.	Haryana	119	2216	617	21.8	0	0.0	2833	962	34.0
9.	Himachal Pradesh	75	1143	416	25.0	108	6.5	1667	559	33.5
10.	Jharkhand	211								
11.	Karnataka	176	2658	678	18.4	347	9.4	3683	1519	41.2
12.	Kerala	152	1728	250	12.5	26	1.3	2004	748	37.3
13.	Madhya Pradesh	313	4114	1078	15.0	1972	27.5	7164	2393	33.4
14.	Maharashtra	351	3005	429	11.0	468	12.0	3902	1317	33.8
15.	Manipur									
16.	Orissa	314	3498	1025	16.5	1704	27.4	6227	2188	35.1
17.	Punjab	140	1866	894	32.4	0	0.0	2760	922	33.4
18.	Rajasthan	237	3218	1058	20.1	980	18.6	5256	2013	38.3
19.	Sikkim									

20.	Tamil Nadu	385	5154	1369	20.8	47	0.7	6570	2319	35.3
21.	Tripura	23	206	78	26.1	15	0.1	65668	24673	37.6
22.	Uttar Pradesh	820	49164	16453	25.1	51	0.1	65668	24673	37.6
23.	Uttaranchal	95	2451	598	18.9	105	3.3	3152	1133	36.9
24.	West Bengal	341	5393	2459	29.0	631	7.4	8483	2953	34.8
	Union Territories:									
25.	A & N Islands	7	67	0	0.0	0	0.0	67	25	37.3
26.	Chandigarh	1	11	4	26.7	0	0.0	15	6	40.0
27.	D & N Haveli									
28.	Daman and Diu									
29.	Lakshadweep									
30.	Pondicherry	10	89	19		0		108	40	
	TOTAL	6105	112356	33088	21.1	11493	7.3	156937	58233	37.1

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Sl. No.	Name of State	Number of Panchayats	Number of elected representatives							
			Non-SC and non-ST	SC		ST		Total	Women	
				number	percent	number	percent		number	percent
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	States:									
1	Andhra Pradesh	22	812	196	17.9	87	7.9	1095	364	33.2
2	Arunachal Pradesh	14	0	0	0.0	136	100.0	136	45	33.1
3	Assam	21	337	27	6.9	26	6.7	390	135	34.6
4	Bihar	38	956	192	16.6	9	0.8	1157	577	49.9
5	Chhattisgarh	16	160	37	11.5	124	38.6	321	109	34.0
6	Goa	2	44	0	0.0	6	12.0	50	24	48.0
7	Gujarat	25	584	58	7.1	175	21.4	817	274	33.5
8	Haryana	19	302	82	21.4	0	.0.0	384	135	25.2
9	Himachal Pradesh	12	168	64	25.5	19	7.6	251	86	34.3
10	Jharkhand	22								
11	Karnataka	27	737	184	18.3	84	8.4	1005	373	37.1
12	Kerala	14	296	39	11.5	4	1.2	339	125	26.9
13	Madhya Pradesh	48	526	136	15.4	222	25.1	884	304	34.4
14	Maharashtra	33	1502	215	11.0	234	12.0	1951	653	33.5
15	Manipur	4	57	2	3.3	2	3.3	61	21	34.4
16	Orissa	30	496	139	16.3	219	25.6	854	296	34.7
17	Punjab	17	213	102	32.4	0	0.0	315	103	32.7
18	Rajasthan	32	633	188	18.7	186	18.5	1007	377	37.4
19	Sikkim	4	62	5	5.0	33	33.0	100	32	32.0
20	Tamil Nadu	29	514	139	21.2	3	0.5	656	229	34.6
21	Tripura	4	55	23	28.0	4	4.9	82	28	34.1

22	Uttar Pradesh	70	2041	655	24.3	2	0.1	2698	1122	41.6
23	Uttaranchal	13	282	68	18.9	10	2.8	360	119	33.1
24	West Bengal	18	458	207	28.8	55	7.6	720	246	34.2
	Union Territories:									
25	A and N Islands	1	30	0	0.0	0	0.0	30	10	33.3
26	Chandigarh	1	7	3	30.0	0	0.0	10	3	30.0
27	D and N Haveli	1	1	0	0.0	10	90.9	11	4	36.4
28	Daman and Diu	1	16	2	10.0	2	10.0	20	7	35.0
29	Lakshadweep	1	1	0	0.0	21	95.5	8	36.4	
30	Pondicherry									
	TOTAL:	539	11290	2763	17.6	1673	10.6	15726	5807	36.9

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Sl. No.	Name of State	Number of Panchayats	Number of elected representatives	SC		ST		Total	Women	
				number	percent	number	percent		number	percent
			Grand Total							
			Number of elected representatives							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	States:									
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23030	172136	34025	15.19	17842	7.97	224003	74019	33.04
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1789	0	0	0.00	8260	100.00	8260	3183	38.54
3.	Assam	2711	23044	1440	5.54	1507	5.80	25991	9903	38.10
4.	Bihar	9032	109767	19440	14.94	884	0.68	130091	70400	54.12
5.	Chhattisgarh	9982	76062	17553	10.93	66933	41.69	160548	54159	33.73
6.	Goa	191	1483	0	0.00	6	0.40	1489	538	36.13
7.	Gujarat	14068	83982	7970	6.98	22235	19.47	114187	38071	33.34
8.	Haryana	6325	54508	14965	21.54	0	0.00	69473	24994	35.98
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3330	16793	8724	31.99	1753	6.43	27270	9128	33.47
10.	Jharkhand	3979	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
11.	Karnataka	5855	67920	17859	18.59	10311	10.73	96090	41210	42.89
12.	Kerala	1165	15844	2341	12.67	297	1.61	18482	6893	37.30
13.	Madhya Pradesh	23412	222836	61103	15.40	112938	28.46	396877	134368	33.86
14.	Maharashtra	28302	176877	25268	11.00	27565	12.00	229710	77118	33.57
15.	Manipur	169	1684	43	2.43	41	2.32	1768	646	36.54
16.	Orissa	6578	56576	16910	16.77	27376	27.14	100862	36086	35.78
17.	Punjab	12600	62771	28436	31.18	0	0.00	91207	31900	34.98
18.	Rajasthan	9457	73030	25364	21.17	21410	17.87	119804	42402	35.39
19.	Sikkim	170	639	57	5.67	309	30.75	1005	398	39.00

20.	Tamil Nadu	13032	91993	23664	20.31	877	0.75	116534	39370	33.78
21.	Tripura	540	3914	1509	26.32	310	5.41	5733	1986	34.64
22.	Uttar Pradesh	52890	578984	191950	24.87	726	0.09	771660	299024	36.75
23.	Uttranchal	7335	44450	11077	19.26	1973	3.43	57500	21734	37.80
24.	West Bengal	3713	37276	17158	29.21	4314	7.34	58748	21349	36.34
	Union Territories:	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
25.	A and N Islands	75	856	0	0.00	0	0.00	856	296	34.58
26.	Chandigarh	19	153	34	18.18	0	0.00	187	62	33.16
27.	D and N Haveli	12	7	3	2.40	115	92.00	125	49	39.20
28.	Daman and Diu	15	71	4	4.12	22	22.68	98	37	36.14
29.	Lakshadweep	11	1	0	0.00	100	99.01	101	38	37.62
30.	Pondicherry	108	784	237	23.31	0	0.00	1021	370	36.24
	TOTAL:	239895	1974441	527134	18.63	328104	11.60	2829679	1039731	36.74